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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2007 Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection and entry of this Response.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-53 and 56-68 are currently pending in this application. Claims 25, 26 and 27 are independent claims, with all other claims depending from either claim 25, 26 or 27.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 14-15, 17-22, 25-27, 40, 42-45, 47-50, and 67 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent 6,179,801 (Holmes et al.) in view of U.S. Patent 5,980,465 (Elgas). Applicants respectfully traverse.